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SUBJ: IV PROGRAM

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1. WE HAVE FOR YOU PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR ALEJANDRINA RODRIGUEZ. PURPOSE IS TO OBSERVE AND STUDY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL SYSTEMS - URBAN AND RURAL - DEALING WITH SLOW LEARNERS, THE NORMAL CHILD, AND WITH THE HIGHLY GIFTED. IN THIS REGARD, GRANTEE INTERESTED IN OPPORTUNITIES, ALONG THE WAY, TO VISIT OPERATING CLASSES IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS. ALSO DESIROUS OF RECEIVING ORIENTATION ON CURRICULA, TECHNIQUES, AND ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS.

2. PROGRAM FOLLOWS:

A. WASHINGTON VISITS AND CONSULTATION -

1) OFFICE FOR THE HANDICAPPED, PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE OF MENTAL RETARDATION (FRED J. KRAUSE, 245-5963 OR A.D. BUCHMUELLER, 245-7634).

2) PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS (DR. GREGORY L. DIXON, COORDINATOR FOR REHABILITATION PROGRAMS).

3) GALLAUDET COLLEGE (OLIVE TELLER, PRINCIPAL, KENDALL DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL).

4) OAS (DR. HUGO ALBORNOZ, DIRECTOR DEPT. EDUCATION).

5) COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED (DR. POSHER).

ALSO WHILE IN WASHINGTON, INTERVIEWS WITH DR. GONZALEZ REYES (EXEC. SEC., OAS COM. FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE) AND DR. CANIZA (COUNSELLOR, PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY). SHOULD WORK IN VISITS TO NATIONAL ART GALLERY, HIRSCHHORN, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND WHATEVER DEPARTMENT FEELS SUITABLE TO LIGHTEN AN

OTHERWISE HEAVY PROGRAM.

B. NEW YORK -

- 1) TEACHERS COLLEGE AT COLUMBIA U. (IGNACY GOLDBERG AND FRANCES CONNOR - THE MENTALLY RETARDED, DEAF AND BLIND; DEPT. SPECIAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION).
- 2) LEXINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (LEO CONNOR, DIR.)
- 3) CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, REMEDIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS (TO BE ARRANGED BY MS. SUSAN KERR, SPANISH DEPT. 691-3937).
- 4) KENNEDY FOUNDATION.
- 5) AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND (HANK ROBERTS, DIR.)
22 WEST 16TH ST.
- 6) DIGHT (SPELLING?) HOUSE (FOR THE BLIND).

C. RHODE ISLAND -

- 1) (PROVIDENCE). "MAIN STREET SCHOOL" (DIRE., ERIC DENHOFF, PROGRAMS FOR STIMULATION OF PRECOCIOUS AND PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN; 6 MORRISON ST.

D. MASSACHUSETTS - (CITY?)

- 1) THE PERKINS INSTITUTE. (FIRST U.S. SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND; ANNE SULLIVAN - H. KELLER'S TEACHER - STUDIED HERE).

E. KANSAS -

- 1) THE BUREAU OF CHILD RESEARCH, U. OF K. (ZIP 66044, LAWRENCE); DIR., DR. SCHIEFELBUSCH.
- 2) CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND TREATMENT (PARSONS).
- 3) CENTER FOR REHABILITATION OF THE BLIND (TOPEKA). WOULD LIKE CONSULTATION WITH PROF. EMERITUS AUGUST MAC COLLON (FINDS PLACEMENT FOR WHAT THE BLIND PRODUCE IN REHAB. CENTERS).
- 4) VISIT WITH PARAGUAY PARTNERS PROGRAM IN TOPEKA, POSSIBLY INCLUDING OVERNIGHT STAY WITH A FAMILY.
- 5) SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES; (SMALL COMMUNITY LEVEL IN RURAL AREA). MRS. MARIANNE BEACH - 2101 LINCOLN DRIVE, HAYS, KANSAS.

3. THE FOREGOING REPRESENTS A THOROUGH AND CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT BY GRANTEE TO MAKE MOST OF HER TIME. DEPARTMENT, AT ITS OWN DISCRETION, MAY WANT TO ADD OR DELETE IN ORDER TO AVOID AN "ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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WORK AND NO PLAY" PROGRAM. GRANTEE WOULD WELCOME EXPOSURE TO OTHER FACETS OF U.S. LIFE AND CULTURE, TIME PERMITTING.

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